

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace prior versions and listings of claims, canceled claims are canceled without prejudice.

1. – 14. (canceled)

15. (withdrawn) A method of producing a tablet composition, which comprises combining an active agent with a fast dissolving granulation, wherein the fast dissolving granulation comprises a low melting point compound and a water soluble excipient.

16. (withdrawn) The method of claim 15, which further comprises combining with the active agent and the fast dissolving granulation one or more components selected from the group consisting of a disintegrant, a colorant, a sweetener, a lubricant, a souring agent, a glidant, a binder and a flavorant.

17. (withdrawn) The method of claim 15, which further comprises molding the tablet composition into a tablet form.

18. (withdrawn) The method of 15, wherein the fast dissolving granulation is prepared by high sheer granulation.

19. (withdrawn) The method of claim 18 wherein the low melting point compound is molten.

20. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the fast dissolving granulation is prepared by spraying the molten low melting point compound onto the water soluble excipient and allowing the resulting composition to congeal.

21. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the fast dissolving granulation is prepared by suspending the water soluble excipient in molten low melting point compound and spray congealing the resulting composition.

22. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the tablet composition is made by a method comprising extruding the composition comprising the active agent and the fast dissolving granulation through a nozzle and allowing the resulting composition to congeal.
23. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the water soluble excipient is one or more saccharides selected from the group consisting of maltose, fructose, sucrose, lactose, glucose, galactose, xylitol, sorbitol, and mannitol.
24. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the water soluble excipient is an artificial sweetener.
25. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the water soluble excipient is sucralose.
26. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the low melting point compound is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated oil, polyethylene glycol, low melting point triglycerides, low melting point diglycerides, low melting point monoglycerides, synthetic glycerides, fatty acid esters, semisynthetic glycerides, partially hydrogenated oil, palm oil, palm butter, wax and cocoa butter.
27. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 which comprises congealing a mixture comprising molten low melting point compound and the water soluble excipient.
28. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, which further comprises granulating the congealed mixture by a method selected from the group consisting of sifting the congealed mixture through a screen and milling the congealed mixture.
29. (withdrawn) The method of claim 28 which further comprises molding the granulated mixture into a tablet shape.
30. (withdrawn) A placebo tablet comprising a low melting point compound that melts or softens at or below 37°C and a water-soluble excipient.

31. (withdrawn) The tablet of claim 30 wherein the low melting point compound comprises from about 0.01% to about 2.5% (wt/wt) of the composition and wherein the tablet has a hardness of about 1 to about 2 kP or lower.

32. (Currently amended) A tablet consisting of a fast dissolve granulation, an active ingredient, corn starch, ~~a single one~~ saccharide selected from the group of sorbitol, glucose, dextrose, fructose, maltose, xylitol, sucrose, lactose, glucose, galactose, mannitol, a dextrate and a maltodextrin, and at least one non-saccharide containing excipient selected from the group consisting of a souring agent, a sweetening agent ~~aspartame, sucralose, crosscarmellose sodium~~, a flavoring agent, a disintegrant, a glidant, and ~~silicon dioxide and cornstarch~~,

wherein the said fast dissolve granulation consists essentially of ~~a portion of the some or all of said one single-saccharide and a one or more~~ low melting point compound that melts or softens at or below 37°C,

wherein the said one or more low melting point compound comprises less than about 20% (wt/wt) of the fast dissolve granulation and from about 0.01% to about 2.5% (wt/wt) of the tablet, and

wherein the tablet has a hardness of less than 1.5 ~~about 4.7~~ kP.

33. (Currently amended) The tablet of claim 32 wherein the single one saccharide is mannitol.

34. (Currently amended) The tablet of claim 32 wherein the one or more low melting point compound is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated oil, and partially hydrogenated oil.

35. (Previously presented) The tablet of claim 34 wherein the hydrogenated oil or partially hydrogenated oil is a vegetable oil.

36. (Currently amended) A tablet consisting of a fast dissolve granulation, an active ingredient, corn starch, ~~a single one~~ saccharide selected from the group of sorbitol, glucose, dextrose, fructose, maltose, xylitol, sucrose, lactose, glucose, galactose, mannitol, a dextrate and a maltodextrin, and at least one non-saccharide containing excipient selected from the group consisting of a souring agent, a sweetening agent ~~aspartame, sucralose, crosscarmellose sodium~~, a flavoring agent, a disintegrant, a glidant, and ~~silicon dioxide and cornstarch~~,

wherein the said fast dissolve granulation consists essentially of a portion of the single said one saccharide and a low melting point compound that melts or softens at or below 37°C selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated vegetable oil, and partially hydrogenated vegetable oil,

wherein the low melting point compound comprises less than about 20% (wt/wt) of the fast dissolve granulation and from about 0.01% to about 2.5% (wt/wt) of the tablet, and

wherein the tablet has a hardness of less than 1.5 ~~about 1.7~~ kP.

37. (Previously presented) The tablet of claim 36 wherein the saccharide is mannitol.

38. (Currently amended) A tablet consisting of a fast dissolve granulation, an active ingredient, mannitol, sucralose, a flavor, a disintegrant, corn starch and silicon dioxide wherein the fast dissolve granulation consists essentially of a portion of the mannitol and a low melting point compound that melts or softens at or below 37°C selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated vegetable oil, and partially hydrogenated vegetable oil and wherein the low melting point compound comprises less than about 20% (wt/wt) of the fast dissolve granulation and from about 0.01% to about 2.5% (wt/wt) of the tablet, and wherein the tablet has a hardness of less than 1.5 ~~about 1.7~~ kP and is a fast dissolving tablet.

39. (Canceled) The tablet of claim 38 further consisting of a souring agent.

40. (New) A tablet consisting of a fast dissolve granulation, an active ingredient, mannitol, sucralose, a flavor, a disintegrant, corn starch, silicon dioxide and a souring agent wherein the fast dissolve granulation consists essentially of a portion of the mannitol and a low melting point compound that melts or softens at or below 37°C selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated vegetable oil, and partially hydrogenated vegetable oil and wherein the low melting point compound comprises less than about 20% (wt/wt) of the fast dissolve granulation and from about 0.01% to about 2.5% (wt/wt) of the tablet, and wherein the tablet has a hardness of less than 1.5 and is a fast dissolving tablet.